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WOODS GO TO THE DOGS

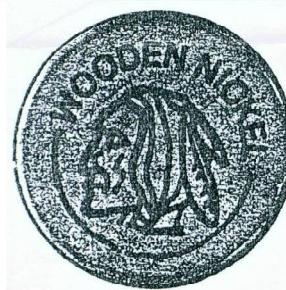
by
David Phillips

Recently, when looking at my Alaska woods collection, I realized there were several Alaska woods on which there were dogs depicted in connection with the name of the establishment.

FOX: Howling Dog Saloon,
Good for one free drink.



NAKNEK: Red Dog Saloon,
Good for a drink. Even worse,
a Dachshund!!!!



WASILLA: Lucky Lisa's Dead Dog Saloon, We do it doggy style, An Alaskan Tradition. Mile 49 Parks Hwy, Good for one premium drink. Looks like a bulldog!



EDITOR'S COMMENTS PRICES REALIZED

I would like to apologize for the tardiness of this issue. With all that has been going on, I am sure that you will overlook this lapse. I am calling this issue "June" and hope to get back on track in the next couple months.

I would like to thank all those who sent condolences and donations to the Georgeson Botanical Garden. Jan and I are totally overwhelmed. We are still working on the picnic shelter. The main task right now is building a retaining wall. When it is completed, I will run photos in the newsletter.

After the funeral, we had to put mom in a nursing home. Doctors have been telling us for two years that she could not live at home, and we feel they were finally right. She is adjusting, and as a result, I will be traveling to Mass. very frequently to take care of miscellaneous chores, and to break mom out and blow the stink off (old family expression).

There were a couple of impressive prices on eBay. Check the column to the right. Two unlisted tokens only brought modest prices. And one seller was shooting for the moon with a \$3,500 opening bid for Dawson token only worth \$100 to \$150!

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Douglas , Rosswog, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, B-35a	395.00OB
Fairbanks , Masonic, B-33-b	150.00OB
Flat , Kruhm, 25c, B-2a	35.00OB
Fort Yukon , Carter, 25c, B-3b	295.00OB
Gambier Bay , Hoonah Pkg., 25c, B-1b	1,050.01
(Goodnews Bay) , Rutlader, 1c, B-2a	67.66
Haines , Lindsay Hotel, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-10a	195.00OB
Haines , Smith, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-12a	41.00
Haines , Smith, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-12a	150.00OB
Juneau , Elks Club, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-19bII	OB125.00NB
Juneau , Juneau Liquor, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-39b	OB195.00NB
Juneau , Occidental, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-56c	OB75.00NB
Juneau , Old Stand, Kubach, unlisted	153.50
Katalla , Johnson & Jensen, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-3c	350.00OB
Ketchikan , Abercrombie's, 4c, B-1b	75.00OB
Ketchikan , Quick Lunch, 10c, B-49unl	312.00
Nenana , Coghill, 25c, B-2a	495.00OB
Nenana , Ghezzi, 25c, B-B3aII	13.00
Nome , BoT, 5c, B-8a	75.00OB
Nome , Cavey's Bakery, 1 Lf, B-13a, hole	RL76.00
Nome , Nome Novelty, 25c, B-38aI	OB195.00NB
Nome , N&A, 5c, B-34a	OB175.00
Nome , The Nevada, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-35bII	175.00OB
Nome , Polet Stores, 5c, B-41a	OB15.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, 1c, B-1a	48.88
Palmer , ARRC, 1c, B-1a	OB90.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, \$5, B-1g	88.50
Palmer , ARRC, complete set of 8	1,453.00
Saginaw Bay , AK Con. Can., 25c, B-1b	1,320.00
Seldovia , Cash Store, 5c, B-5a	OB25.00NB
Seward , The Palace, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-9c	OB30.00NB
Seward , Pioneer Club, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-10aII	53.58
Seward , "W", 5c, B-19a	330.00
Sitka , Fishermans Cafe, 10c, B-9a	OB150.00NB
Tenakee , Day, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, B-3a	342.00
Valdez , C.B. Buffet, \$1, B-4cI	RLOB1308.00NB
Valdez , C.B. Buffet, \$1, B-4cI	RLOB1308.00NB
Valdez , Valdez Hotel, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, B-21a	64.00
Dawson , YT, Dewey & Jensen, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	OB3,500.00NB
Dawson , YT, Kilgore & Landahl	125.00OB
Dawson , YT, Monte Carlo, 25c	338.33RNM
Whitehorse , TD&P, \$10	61.99
AYPE , 1/4 DWT, ICG-50	OB349.00NB
Alaska Gold , 1/2 Pinch, 1900	653.00
Klondike Charm (gold)	255.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist

RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn

BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

25th ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION

Twenty-five years ago, Argentina invaded the Falkland, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands. Both the Falkland Islands and SG&SS Islands have issued commemorative coins to note the subsequent liberation of the islands.

Argentina invaded South Georgia on March 25, and the Falklands on April 2. The British sent a flotilla and ground forces to liberate the islands. South Georgia was liberated on April 26. Argentine forces in the Falklands surrendered on June 14.



The 50 pence coin features a back view of a soldier superimposed on a map of the Falklands, shown actual size.



Three 1 Crown coins have also been issued, featuring: a) the Armed Services, b) Britannia superimposed on a map of the Falklands, and c) a Vulcan bomber. These are available in 1/5 oz. gold, and "crown" size sterling silver and cupronickel. Illustrations are reduced.



The single design from South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands features a Royal Marine raising the White Ensign at Grytviken, with HMS Plymouth in the background. This crown size coin (illustration reduced) is available in sterling silver and cupronickel.

These coins and those from Falkland Islands and South

Georgia & South Sandwich Islands issued for the International Polar Year are available from Pobjoy Mint. Their website is www.pobjoy.com/usa.

And while not celebrating the 25th anniversary of liberation, two Argentine medals relating to the Falklands war have appeared on eBay recently.



The first notes the "recovery" of the Malvinas (Falklands). It is silver colored, 60mm (illustration reduced). It is a neat medal with the a map of the Falklands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands superimposed on the Argentine flag.



The second medal memorializes the sinking of the General Belgrano. It is bronze, 60mm (illustration reduced).



Finally, a uniface bronze medal, 36mm, noting the invasion of the Malvinas (Falklands).

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INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

More countries are commemorating the International Polar Year with coins.

The ones that your editor find most interesting come from Denmark. They are issued in 10 Kroner (aluminum bronze, mintage unlimited), 100 Kroner (silver, mintage 50,000) and 1,000 Kroner (gold, mintage 6,000). All bear an unflattering portrait of Queen Margrethe II on the obverse and a walking polar bear on the reverse, designed by Niels Motzfeldt.



What makes this most interesting is that the gold in the 1,000 Kroner coin comes from the Nalunaq gold mine in Greenland. This is noted by a very small polar bear hallmark at about 4:00 reverse.



The gold coin is 90% pure and weighs 8.65 grams, containing $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce of pure gold.



Canada is also noting the International Polar year, with a \$20 silver coin. It features Martin Frobisher, an Inuit

in kayak, a polar bear, a sailing ship and an iceberg. A compass rose is in the center. This coin is available in silver, and silver with a “plasma finish.”

Also joining the list of countries issuing coins for the IPY are the Falkland Islands and South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands.



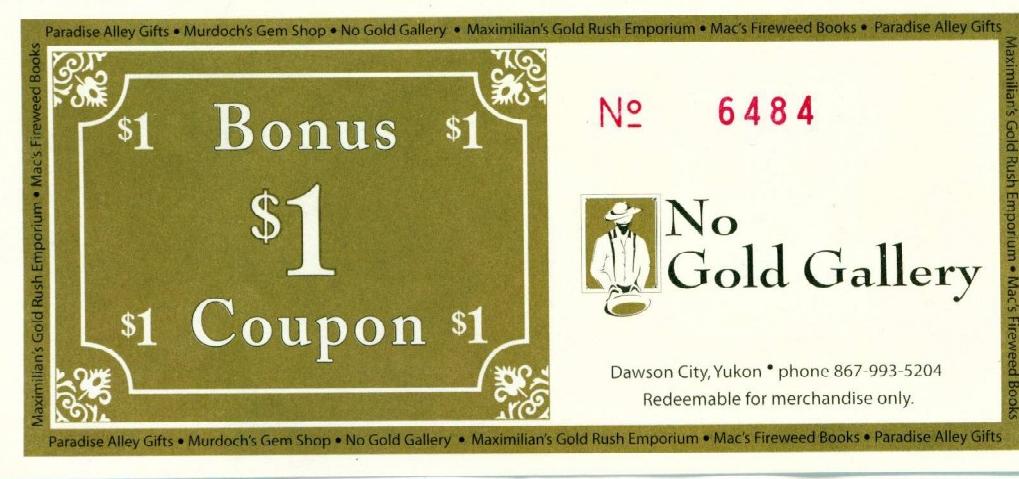
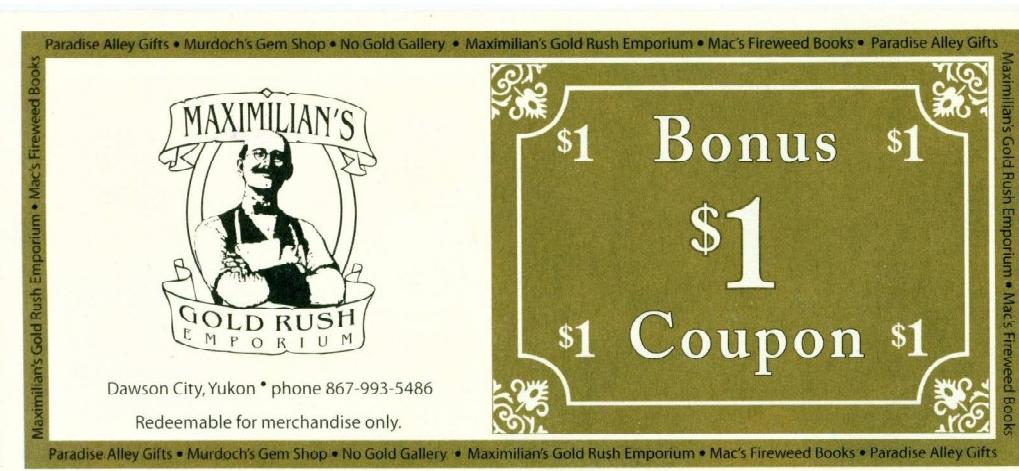
The Falklands have issued two Crown coins, available in gold, silver and cupronickel. One honors Amundsen and Scott, while the other features Scott's ship Discovery. The denomination of “Crown” is odd in that it does not fit into the decimal system.



The South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands coins honor Ernest Shackleton and his failed Trans-Antarctic Expedition. This became one of the most famous and inspiring stories of survival. These coins are available in gold, silver and cupronickel

Both the Falkland Islands and SG&SS Islands coins are shown smaller than actual size. Sadly, both of these countries have embarked on a grossly exaggerated coin issuing program. While these coins have relevance to the Falklands and SG&SS, many commemoratives have been issued with little real connection to the islands.

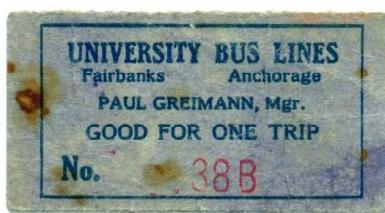
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DAWSON, Y.T.: Maximillian's Gold Rush Emporium, \$1 Bonus Coupon. Also good at Paradise Alley Gifts, Murdoch's Gem Shop, No Gold Gallery and Max's Fireweed Books. Gold and black with red serial number, 139mm by 63mm.



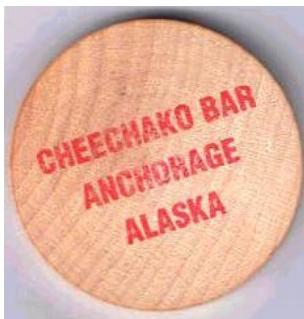
University Bus Lines, tokens/tickets. These were shown previously in the July/August 1998 issue of ATC&PN with poor photocopies.



FAIRBANKS: Black on green cardboard, 56mm by 29mm.

FAIRBANKS/ANCHORAGE: Black on blue card-board, 50mm by 27mm

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Cheechako Bar, One Call, red on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck).



(ANCHORAGE): The Shack Lounge, Rain Check. White on green plastic, 38mm (submitted by Ken Rieck).

WASILLA: Red's Restaurant & Lounge Motel, Mile 51.5 Parks Hwy. Good for one drink. Red on wood.

MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



JUNEAU: Old Stand, L. Kubach. Brass, size not listed on eBay. Reverse worn smooth. Pretty ugly, but this is the discovery token.



(KETCHIKAN): Quick Lunch, 10¢ in trade. Aluminum, 24mm.



ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD: 25th Anniversary, 1952 - 2002. One ounce silver (Kurtis Hawk).



SULZER: 4th of July Celebration, bronze, scalloped, 35mm. This appears to be a stock medal, with "Sulzer, Alaska" added at the top, and perhaps a custom scene in the oval. Sulzer was a mining town in southeast Alaska. To our knowledge, this is the only token or medal from Sulzer. Illustrated at the top of the right column (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).

EIELSON AFB: 354th Operations Group, presented by the Commander. Light blue, dark blue and brown on silver colored metal, 45mm (Kurtis Hawk).

MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS, cont.



EIELSON AFB: 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Rapid Readiness Response, LRS! Hell Yes. Blue, green, yellow and white on silver colored metal, 45mm.



ELMENDORF AFB: 3rd Wing, Presented for excellence by the commander. Yellow, blue, black and green on silver colored metal, 40mm (Kurtis Hawk).



(ELMENDORF AFB): 3rd Medical Group, 3MDSS. Bronze, 41mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ELMENDORF AFB: 251 Tactical Airlift Sq., 05-2 Cooperative Cope Thunder. Black, white and blue on bronze, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

ALASKA SE: Juneau Sector, U.S. Coast Guard. Light blue, dark blue, red, white, yellow and gold on brass, 44mm.